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SUBJECT : NEW CABINET ANNOUNCED: ASSEMBLY TO BE  
DISSOLVED; ELECTIONS IN UNSPECIFIED TIME

REF : MANAMA 997

1. EVENING OF AUGUST 25, PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE SHAIKH KHALIFA REPLIED TO HIS BROTHER'S AMIRI DECREE (REFTEL) BY ANNOUNCING HIS NEW CABINET. COUPLED WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT, THE PRIME MINISTER STATED THAT HE WAS RECOMMENDING TO THE AMIR THAT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BE DISSOLVED AND THAT FRESH ELECTIONS BE "POSTPONED" UNTIL HIS GOVERNMENT HAD A CHANCE TO SUBMIT A NEW ELECTION LAW.

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2. MEANWHILE, THE OFFICIAL RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT THE AMIR HAS

BEEN HOLDING A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH, AMONG OTHERS, THE RULING FAMILY (AL KHALIFA) COUNCIL AND OTHER SENIOR NOTABLES OF BAHRAIN. HE AND THE PRIME MINISTER HAVE ALSO RECEIVED EMISSARIES FROM KING KHALID OF SAUDI ARABIA AND PRESIDENT SADAT OF EGYPT AUGUST 25.

3. THE "NEW" CABINET, WHICH WAS SWORN IN AUGUST 26, CONTAINS ALL THE OLD MEMBERS PLUS TWO SENIOR BUREAUCRATS WHO HEADED DEPARTMENTS IN THE FORMER GOVERNMENT. FOUR NEW MINISTRIES WERE CREATED, BASICALLY FOCUSING ATTENTION ON OUTSTANDING SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING THE ISLAND'S POPULATION (HOUSING, ETC.). INCUMBENTS CONTINUE IN OFFICE IN THE CRUCIAL MINISTRIES - DEFENSE, INTERIOR, FINANCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

4. THE PRIME MINISTER'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE ASSEMBLY BE DISSOLVED IS SOMETHING WHICH THE AMIR CAN CARRY OUT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION. HOWEVER, THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES (EXCEPT UNDER MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION) THAT FRESH ELECTIONS BE HELD WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE DATE OF DISSOLUTION. THE RECOMMENDATION THAT NEW ELECTIONS BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE NEW GOVERNMENT SUBMITS A NEW ELECTION LAW IS, STRICTLY SPEAKING, UNCONSTITUTIONAL. SO THE NEXT QUESTION IS HOW THE CONSITUTION WILL BE FINESSED AND, GIVEN THE CAREFULLY CHOREOGRAPHED NATURE OF THE "CRISIS" THUS FAR, WE WOULD EXPECT TO HEAR TODAY OR TOMORROW ABOUT THAT.

5. WE HAVE HEARD NO REPORTS OF ANY CIVIL DISORDERS OR LAW AND ORDER PROBLEMS.  
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